RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) Para 11.2 of National Policy on Education, 1986 and its Programme of Action, 1992 envisages hike in fee at the higher levels of education to raise the quality of education in the country. However, the fee in a university is decided as per the provisions in its Ordinances. As such, any hike in the fee for Delhi University and colleges has to be considered and decided by the University itself. The Government of India has no direct role in this regard, however it can facilitate the process. The facilitation role is enjoined by the National Policy.

Denial of payment of adhoc bonus to employees of Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas

997. SHRI JALALUDIN ANSARI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether employees of Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas have, in 1999 been "denied" payment of adhoc bonus; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The orders for payment of adhoc bonus to eligible employees during 1999 have already been issued by both Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti.

Bonus entitlement of employees to Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas

†998. SHRI RAGHAVJI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the teaching and non-teaching employees of Navodaya Vidyalayas and Central Schools, who were getting the pay scale of Rs. 1640—2900 before implementation of Fifth Central Pay Commission's recommendations and are now getting pay scale of Rs. 5500—9000, are not entitled to adhoc bonus;

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†Original Notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is its justification?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSINGRAO GAIKWAD PATIL): (a) to (c) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and the Navodaya Vidyalaya Samiti adopted Government of India Order No. F. 14(3)/E. Coord.(1)/99 dated 8th October, 1999 and 12th October, 1999 regarding payment of ad-hoc bonus. As per these orders, bonus is payable to Central Government employees in Groups 'C' and 'D' and all non-gazetted employees in Group 'B'. Both these organisations are registered societies and there is no classification of the posts as gazetted and non-gazetted. The Ministry of HRD in consultation with the Ministry of Finance clarified vide letter No. F. 5-16/98-UT. 1 dated 27th October, 1999 that the teachers/ employees who were drawing pay in the scale of pay exceeding Rs. 1640—2900 (pre-revised) and Rs. 5500—9000 (revised) are not eligible for ad-hoc bonus. In other words, those who are placed in the revised pay-scale exceeding Rs. 5500—9000 irrespective of their pre-revised pay-scale are not entitled to ad-hoc bonus.

Outstanding dues of the Railways against Electricity Board's and Power Houses

999. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:
SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA:
SARDAR GURCHARAN SINGH TOHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the outstanding dues of the Railways from various State Electricity Boards and Power Houses add upto a whopping amount of a few thousand crores;

(b) if so, the details thereof, the various agencies from whom the dues are outstanding and since when these dues started accumulating; and

(c) the efforts made so far by the Railway Administration to recover the dues, together with the success achieved in this regard?